

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A computer program residing on a computer readable medium having a plurality of instructions, which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform operations ~~system~~-comprising:

connecting a portal ~~connected~~ to one or more user interface (UI) components;

~~application logic~~-linking one or more interface (UI) components ~~the UI components~~ to a repository layer and connectivity layer through an object access layer;

~~and source systems linked to~~ linking the repository layer and the connectivity layer to source systems;[[.]]

using one or more object modeling tools, one or more process modeling tool, and the one or more UI component to build components of cross-functional applications.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 1 further comprising input/output (I/O) devices linked to the portal.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 2 in which the I/O devices are web devices that communicate with the portal using Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) and Wireless Markup Language (WML).

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 2 in which the I/O devices are Internet browsers that communicate with the portal using Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) and Extended Markup Language (XML).
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 1 in which the portal is a common interface that receives requests from clients and generates information views (iViews) in response.
6. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 5 in which the iViews are web pages.
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 1 in which the UI components comprise: application navigation components; application integration components; and information views.
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 5 in which the client requests are coupled to the portal by a proxy server.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 1 in which the repository layer comprises: a data object model; and databases including metadata and data, the data including templates.
10. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the metadata comprises data pertaining to roles, work sets and personalization information.
11. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the metadata interacts with the object access layer, the connectivity layer and the application logic.
12. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the metadata interacts with the templates, the templates providing a format of information according to preset conditions.
13. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 12 in which the templates interact with Web application server (WAS) processes and core restructuring processes.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the databases interact with the source systems through base systems connectors using a markup language.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the databases interact with the source systems through base systems connectors using web services.

16. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 9 in which the databases interact with the source systems through base systems connectors using transmission control protocol/Internet protocol (TCP/IP).

17. (Currently Amended) The ~~system~~ computer program of claim 1 in which source systems communicate with each other through a firewall.

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